

THE BEACON



RACING FOR CAUSE ROYAL RANGER STYLE

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- Special thanks to Johnny Prigmore for providing the background to this issue's cover story .

Commanders Note:

Inside this issue there is a two page form that is to be filled out by any young buck who wishes to become the FCF Scout or the Asst Scout . Please see to it that it is passed on to him.

In 1998 Johnny Prigmore of Old River Assembly Of God outpost 227 had a vision of doing something extraordinary with the Trail rangers and Challengers in his outpost. Little did he know what was just a dream would turn into a real life opportunity. Johnny had always dreamed of racing someday even as far back as an 11 year old boy growing up in Baytown, Texas. Johnny was raised in a non Christian environment with little chance of succeeding at anything. A man from a local church who owned a near by service station took an interest in Johnny and helped him along in his teenage years often sharing the word of God with him. Years past and at the age of 29 Johnny Prigmore came to know the Lord as his. Johnny had no Idea what Royal Rangers was all about but become involved almost immediately after accepting Christ as his savior. He became a Royal Ranger leader and begin to serve in the local outpost, he served on district staff for a number of years. His heart was reaching out to the boy, like all commanders trying to find a way to reach and keep boy's for Christ, or at least give him a chance in this day of sandwich style home lives. Johnny began to notice more older boys showing up for Rangers on Wednesday nights, he needed something that would reach out and get a 16 year old boy's attention. What else could there be? Why not



Sam Sutterfield out for a Saturday night spin ! Wonder if his mother knows where he is?

put together a racecar team, well he thought about it and the more he thought about it the more visible it became. Johnny worked with a man who owned a stock car, the man told Johnny he would sell it to him for \$3,800 a large amount to come up with. Johnny prayed about it and then told the boys, the race was on, there was a BBQ fund raiser, the boys mowed yards and did odd jobs and with in a month had raised the money and then some. After picking the car up, came the job of tearing it down and rebuilding the suspension and transmission and major body repair. The motor was in good shape and didn't require too much work. Johnny works at TNT Crane in Houston, Texas he talked with the owner of the company and got him to paint the car and help sponsor it. Af-

ter the paint job the car was ready for the track inspection, the car passed with flying colors and was permitted to run on the oval track. The car a modified stock car all painted up and pushing 450 horse power became an eye catcher, Johnny and an outpost helper by the name of Larry Peltier drive the car at the Baytown track located just off of FM 565 in Baytown. Mean while the news has spread and out of no where he and the boys had another opportunity to get another car, a bomber class dirt track car that pushes 300 horse power which is the beginners class. Johnny and Larry have taught the boys how to drive this car as you can see above.

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FCF CONGRESS HELD AT CHO-YEH

The FCF congress was held once again at camp Cho-Yeh a number of things were discussed at the congress one of which was to raise the annual membership dues from \$12 a year to \$20 a year for Old timers and \$15 a year for



Votes were counted

young bucks. This would bring our chapter up with the national average. By doing this we would give amnesty to all of those who are currently behind on there dues. We would like members to pay their \$20 at anytime between now and the end of January 2001. At which time all who are 3 years plus in arrears in paying membership dues would be given amnesty and the slate wiped clean for a fresh start. We want all of the members to have a fresh start in 2001 and to see a larger turn out for traces and other district sponsored events. Dues can be sent to the District Scribe at any time. The congress elected a committee of three to come up with a resume format

for young bucks who wish to apply for the District Scout position. The District Scout committee members are Tom Jamison, Bill Stuckey and Ralph Williams. These members will review the resumes and interview the young bucks for the position to pre qualify them before bringing them before the membership for voting. A copy of the resume is in this issue, please see to it that if you have a young man in your outpost who is an FCF member he gets a copy of it. Have him fill it out and send it to the committee before October 15th, 2000. The young buck must be at the fall trace.



GULF COAST BRIGADE GIVES AID-REPAIRS HOME

As many of you know Steve Carrol known to many as Grey Badger past away earlier this year. Bro Carrol's home was in bad need of repair and he was unable to do it. The District put out a plea for funds and got an outstanding reply, Tom Jamison and the Gulf Coast Brigade along

with men from First and Central Assemblies in Angleton, supplied the man power and skills to repair the flooring in parts of the house and also the roof. Sister Carrol, Bro. Carrol's widow, was in dire need and did not know where to turn. When the plea was put out Tom and the Gulf Coast brigade stepped

in and met the challenge. There is still a lot to do, anyone looking to increase their brigade points should contact Tom Jamison or Ralph Williams for other scheduled work days for Sister Carrol's home. God Bless you Tom Jamison and your Brigade keep up the good work.



WEDDING BELLS RING



Wedding bells rang out loud on Saturday Sept. 9th for our very on illustrious FCF President Arthur H. "Rollin Thunder" Riley. Art and Toni Jeanine Hamilton were married in Holy Matrimony at 5:00 p.m. in the presence of friends and relatives in League City Texas. Don Savell better known as "Peacekeeper" initiated the ceremony for the couple. There were a number of

chapter members there in attendance. James Orange better known as Black Kettle served as best man. The wedding took place at Faith Temple in League city, the reception was held in the gym afterwards. Congratulations Rollin Thunder and Iron Spirit God Bless your union and may you have years of happiness together.



RACING FOR A CAUSE-ROYAL RANGER STYLE

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They are preparing the boys to drive the more powerful stock car, so far they have been pretty successful. There are nine boys who trade off every other week driving the dirt track car. The boys range from ages 15-18 years old they work on (repair) the car when needed and do what ever needs to be done to prepare for a race. This sounds like a lot, but the ministry here is tremendous, they are using the means of what the Lord has provided to minister to the other racecar drivers at the track as well as the crowd that shows up just to watch on Saturday night.

Johnny has provided countless hours teaching his skills to the young men who might not ever have a chance to do what only others dream about. In a race many may run but only one will win 1 Cor. 9:24 tells us to run that we may obtain and Matt.5:16 tells us to let our light shine so others may see the good works and glorify the Father who is in heaven. The boys associated with the this racing are Sam Sutterfield age 15, Roger Sutterfield age 17, David Stephens age 16, Jason Breaux age 15, Larry Hubner age 15, Cory Graff age 16, Royce Keller age 17, Lewis Schnider age 17, Larry Jordan age 17, Taylor Choate age 13 other

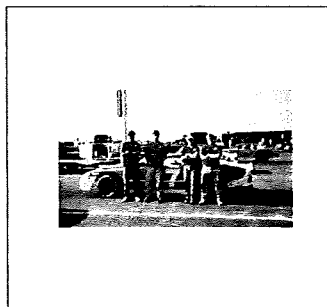


Some of the team members relaxing

helping hands include Jason Disney, Byron Hildreth Jr, Jay Collins, Bill Davidson and Dustin Robinson. The boys can be seen racing around the track on Saturday nights at the track located off of F.M. 565 in Baytown. Good Luck guys and remember "Keep the Shiny side up".



Out of the "Box" and staying that way !



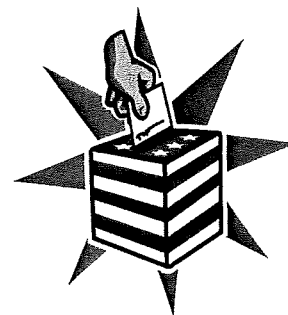
Richard Petty, Mario Andretti, Tony Stewart & Bobby Labonte waiting for the green light.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The 2001 District Committee elections will take place at the DRRC on January 13, 2001 at Faith Assembly Of God in Houston, Texas. The positions of election are as follows.
District Commander
District Training Coordinator
District Productions Coordinator and District FCF Vice President. These positions are up for

election and will be voted on at the DRRC in January. Please submit you nominations to Richard FitzGerald At P.O. Box 430127 Houston, Texas 77243-0127. Remember that you must be chartered to vote and for the position of FCF vice president you must be an FCF member with your dues currently paid up. The deadline for the nomi-

nations will be October 1, 2000. Mark your calendars and make every effort to attend this meeting



SARGE SELLERS CAMP 2000

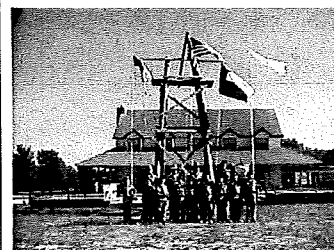
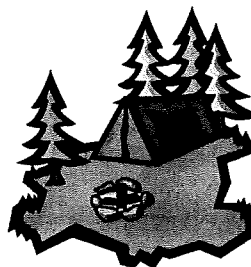
In July of this year twenty boys and ten faithful men from South Texas District traveled Maypearl Texas and participated in the Sarge Sellers Training Camp. Sarge is a camp for Royal Ranger boys and has been called the best summer camp for boys in Texas. It includes (PTC) pioneer training camp, (AMC) Advanced Merit Camp, (JLTC) Junior Leader Training Camp, (AJLTC) Advance Junior Leader Training Camp and (JLTT) Junior Leader Training Trails. We want to say a big thank

you for each of the ten men who gave up their vacations and time away from their families for a week to invest in the lives of boys. These men are Fred Garcia, Leroy Collins, Trey Mitchell, Richard Handcock, Brad Casiday, Ralph Williams, Karl Brack, Javier Lara, and Jack Clayton. I had the privilege of serving as an assistant camp Administrator. These men made me proud to be from South Texas, if you know any of them be sure and give them a call and join me in

saluting them for a job well done. Sincerely

Gary Gruber

South Texas District Training Coordinator

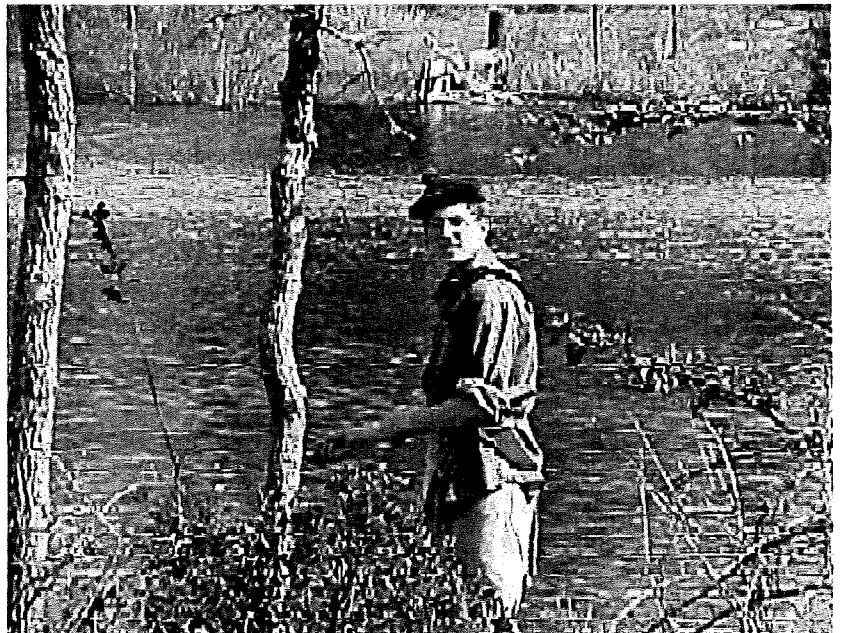


Life of A Royal Ranger

The Story of Jeremy Hartley

Jeremy's Mom began taking him to First Assembly Of God in Brenham, Texas at the age of 4 years old where he became active in in Royal Rangers. For 13 years the members and leaders of the church had an opportunity to minister to Jeremy through all the traditional ministries in the local church. He grew in stature and in favor with God and man. He made a first time decision for the Lord at an annual Pow Wow that his outpost participated in. He truly walked the talk and strived to live by the Royal Rangers Code and always reached out to his friends and classmates, Jeremy was no ordinary Christian young man he was an unsung hero that will be missed by everyone who knew him. On August 2, 2000 I was scheduled to preach to my youth group. It had been a great summer for the youth group, they had gone to camp, been on a missions trip and were really drawing closer to God. I had seen this growth, and to be honest the last thing I wanted to preach was a salvation message. The Lord would not let me get away from it, there was something pressing in the spirit that day, something I could not discern, but I knew these kids need to hear how short their lives really could be. It culminated two minutes before I took the platform to deliver the message, a friend of mine walked over to me and gave me the news that Jeremy Hartley was dead. Jeremy was 17 years old and he was a vital member of our youth group, he was a great friend and he was the South Texas District Scout. Jeremy had been raised in Royal Rangers, he was going to be our next GMA, I had been his senior guide all the way up thru Royal Rangers. I was his senior guide at JLTC, I had taken him and his older brother Jeffery into FCF, I took him to the trace where he was elected assistant scout. My father was his commander from the time he was in Buckaroos up until now. Jeremy was a member of the Fellowship of Christian athletes, school choir, athletic trainer, youth alive and the school track team. He was working hard and was very ambitious and now he was gone no longer here, this hit me like a ton of bricks. Our youth Pastor Paul McElroy immediately went to Jeremy's house along with my father and the senior pastor of our church. The youth group had not been told just yet, and I was a wreck, but God told me to go on because he still had work to do, of the 80 kids that were there that night 60 of them responded to an altar call. The funeral was Saturday August 5th, Jeremy had died of an undetected genetic heart disorder of which there was no cure and no preventive medicine. Over 300 people attended teachers, administrators, Royal Ranger leaders, friends. Jeremy had touched so many people, person after person shared memories of him they talked about the Pow wows and campouts he had been on, classes at school they shared together even some of the people he witnessed to. Jeremy lived "READY" he was a hero of the faith he not only lived but talked about so very often words will not ever be able to describe the impact Jeremy had on our lives. To me his brother summed it up best by placing his on GMA in the coffin into the hands of Jeremy. I will not forget Jeremy he was one of our on, our youth group has decided to set up a scholarship fund in his honor and remembrance, it is the least we can do. Jeremy was the Royal Ranger every commander wish they had, and now heaven is a little sweeter because he is there. Jeremy is blazing trails with our founder Johnnie Barnes, John Eller is there and Bro. Steve Carrol along with many others who have gone ahead together they are getting the grounds prepared for us for that great "Rendezvous". They will always be with us in spirit in and around the camp fires at pow wow and the traces we attend.

Submitted by
Ryan Beaty- Former National FCF Scout (1998-2000)
First Assembly Of God
Outpost 195



Jeremy Hartley FCF Spring Trace at Bellville, Texas

Regional Training Conference 2001

The regional training conference is scheduled to be held on January 26th & 27th 2001 at the Radison Hotel and Conference center on the Gulf freeway in Houston , Texas. More information will be sent out in the next newsletter in December along with a pre registration form. Make plans to attend you don't want to pass this one up. It is a time of picking up new Ideas and training tactics for you to take back to your outpost. Remember that a Royal Ranger is "Ready- Ready for anything this includes changes in how we are to reach and keeps boys for Christ.

FCF Fall Trace to Be Held In The Valley

The fall trace is going to be held in the valley this year on November 10th, 11th, & 12th all FCF members are urged to attend and support this event this the first ever trace to be held in the South Texas Valley, lets get together and show some support to these guys who live down there that we care enough to come to their backyard and fellowship. Since time the traces have always been held in and around Houston, San Antonio & Columbus, Texas. So this time we are going south to the border come on out and let's have some fun, make plans to attend. The Trace is going to held in Edinburg Texas on the Lonesome Dove Ranch see the map in this issue, a flyer will be mailed out in October with more information. **Commanders "BRING THOSE YOUNG BUCKS "** in your outpost who are in FCF help them get there.



Directions to the Trace Site

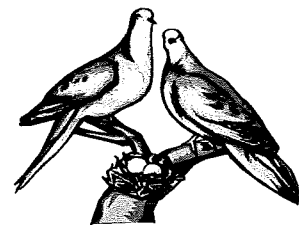
From Houston/ Beaumont:

From Houston take hwy 59 south to Victoria Texas just the other side of Victoria take Hwy 77 south towards Corpus Christi. Stay on Hwy 77 down thru Refugio, Sinton, Robstown, Driscoll, Kingsville down to Rivera. At Rivera turn right of Hwy 77 onto Hwy 285 Take 285 over to Falfurrias it's about 22 miles. When you come to Falfurrias you will come to a four way stop sign **turn left** on to US 281 south follow it all the way to Edinburg (approx. 103 miles) When you start getting near Edinburg look for the Edinburg water tower it will be on your left The Lonesome Dove Ranch is on the right almost directly across from the water tower only a little before it you'll see the trace signs by then .

From San Antonio:

From San Antonio take US 281 South or Hwy 37 south and link up with US hwy 281 South. Follow US 281 south thru three rivers, George West, Alice, right down to Falfurrias, keep going on down US hwy 281 for another 103 miles to Edinburg . Just outside of Edinburg you will see the trace signs look for the water tower on the left going south, Lonesome Dove ranch is on your right you can't miss it.

2000 Fall Trace –Nov. 10, 11 &12
Lonesome Dove Ranch
Edinburg, Texas



Christian greetings,

NTC NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP

Enclosed is an application for the upcoming NTC at Maypearl, Tx. October 12 - 15. Maypearl is a little town just south west of Waxahachie. That is where the North Texas District camp ground is located.

The coolest thing about this NTC is that Fred Deaver will be the Senior Guide. I have served on staff many times with him at NTC'S and ANTC'S, one of life's most interesting experiences.

Seriously, this may be your last chance to go to an NTC with Fred being the Senior Guide. There may not be another NTC this close for sometime, besides Fred is getting to be very mature. He is the best in the business, an icon. He is known across the nation as Mr. Senior Guide. Don't miss your chance.

If you have already been to an NTC, please promote it. Talk your buddies into going, they will never regret it.

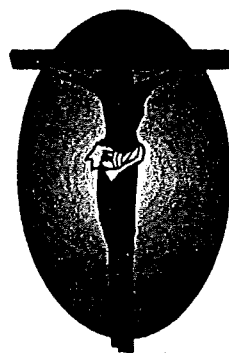
May the Lord bless you;

Ralph
Ralph Williams



BEYOND OUR ASKING

More than hearts can imagine or minds comprehend, God's bountiful gifts are ours without end. We ask for a cupful when the vast sea is ours, we pick a small rose bud from a garden of flowers, we reach for a sunbeam but the sun still abides, we draw one short breath but there is air on all sides. Whatever we ask for falls short of God's giving for his greatness exceeds every facet of living, and always God's ready and



eager and willing to pour out his mercy completely fulfilling all of man's needs for peace, joy and rest for God gives his children whatever is best. Just give him a chance to open his treasures and

he will fill your life with unfathomable pleasures, pleasures that never grow worn out and faded and leave us depleted, disillusioned and jaded. For God has a "storehouse" just filled to the brim with all that man

needs if we'll only ask him.

By Helen Steiner Rice

NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

CLOTHING

- 1 Complete Class B Royal Rangers uniform (long sleeve khaki shirt: khaki trousers, khaki Royal Rangers belt—no dress coats or ties are worn)
- 1 Royal Rangers jacket
- 1 Royal Rangers sweatshirt (for colder areas only)
- 1 Pair army fatigue trousers, jeans, or other work-type trousers for casual wear
- 2 Royal Rangers T-shirts
- * Extra uniforms or fatigues for fresh change
- 1 Pair heavy shoes or boots for camp activities and hiking
- 2 Pairs heavy socks (navy or black)
- 1 Poncho or raincoat with hood
- * Underclothing and handkerchiefs
- * Pajamas

Please note: No cap or hat is needed. A special beret will be issued. Every item except emblem, name tab, and district strip should be removed from uniform.

* As desired

PERSONAL ITEMS

Sleeping bag
Air mattress or foam pad
Toilet kit and mirror (no outlet for electric razor)
Towels and washcloths
Mess kit (plate, bowl, and cup)
Silverware kit (knife, fork, and spoon)
Canteen
Pack and lightweight pack frame (for overnight hike)
Small lightweight tent (for overnight hike)
Ground cloth (waterproof)
Flashlight with extra batteries

Personal first aid kit
Pocket knife and whetstone
Hand ax
8-inch mill file
Compass (Silva style preferred)
Waterproof match container with matches
Adventures in Camping handbook
Royal Rangers Leaders Manual
Small Bible
Pen and pencil

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Ditty bag to carry small items
Insect repellent
Folding plastic cup
Thermal underwear (for colder areas)
Small package of facial tissues
Nail clippers with fingernail file

Compact sewing kit
Survival kit
Camera
Suntan lotion
Sunglasses
Pillow

SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT FCF SCOUT AND ASST. SCOUT RESUME

This resume is to be mailed and post marked to the District Scribe at least two weeks prior to the fall trace by the candidates commander. It must be signed by the candidates pastor, commander, candidate, and parent or legal guardian.

Name _____

Street address _____

City _____, Tx. Zip _____

Phone No _____

Date of birth Mo _____, Day _____, Yr _____

FCF Recognition Frontiersman ☐, Buckskin Frontiersman ☐, Wilderness Frontiersman ☐

Trappers Brigade recognition Company Trapper ☐, Bourgeois ☐, Free Trapper ☐

Last advancement in Royal Rangers _____

Have you attended a Pathfinders Mission trip? Yes ☐, No ☐, If so when and where _____

Qualifications per the National Office:

A Scout must be:

1. A born-again Christian and be the best in Christian leadership example.
2. A Trailblazer or a Trail Ranger who is active in a local outpost.
3. Recommended by his outpost commander and pastor.
4. Active in his FCF chapter.
5. Attend FCF events.
6. Current in dues.
7. A member of FCF for at least 1 year.
8. Able to attend FCF business meetings and events.

Do you meet the above qualifications? Yes. ☐, No ☐,

Candidates Signature _____

Recommended by your commander, commanders signature _____

Recommended by your pastor, pastors signature _____

Are his dues current? Yes ☐, No ☐, Signature of FCF Scribe _____

Duties per the National Office:

1. The Chapter Scout will annually conduct a meeting with the membership of boys in the chapter. This meeting will be known as the "Young Bucks Meeting". This meeting will be chaired by the Scout under the supervision of a minimum of one adult FCF Executive Committee member.

The Young Buck Meeting should be held at an FCF event that draws the maximum number of FCF boys. The purpose of this meeting is to allow the membership of boys to voice their opinions and feelings on any part of FCF.

The Scout will be responsible for the minutes of this meeting. He will distribute a copy of the minutes to the FCF Executive Committee no later than 4 weeks after the meeting is held. He will also distribute a copy of the minutes to the territorial and national Scouts.

2. The Scout will maintain a FCF outfit and wear his outfit (or outfits) at all FCF events.
3. He will attend the FCF-sponsored events in his chapter and territory and strive to attend National Rendezvous.
4. As a member of the FCF Executive Committee, he will be in attendance at all FCF committee meetings.
5. He will assist the FCF Executive Committee in the planning and conducting of FCF events.
6. The Scout will usually be in charge of building and lighting the council fires at FCF events.
7. He will act as usher, color guard, and honor guard and attend any other ceremonial functions at Royal Rangers events.
8. He will maintain communications with the chapter president.

Will you be able to meet these duties if elected? Yes ☐, No ☐,

Candidates signature _____.

To parents or legal guardian:

Will you be willing to allow your son to travel around the district during his tenure?

Yes ☐, No ☐, Parents signature _____

Comments: _____

South Texas District
District Executive Committee
2001 Elections
Nominations

DISTRICT COMMANDER

Johnnie Tarwater (incumbent)

Missouri City, Tx

DISTRICT TRAINING COORDINATOR

Garey Gruber (incumbent)

Houston, Tx

DISTRICT PRODUCTIONS COORDINATOR (S)

Pow Wow / Jody Yeo (incumbent)

Houston, Tx

Pageant / Len Polk (incumbent)

Houston, Tx

DISTRICT FCF VICE PRESIDENT

Donnie Walston (incumbent)

Seguin, Tx

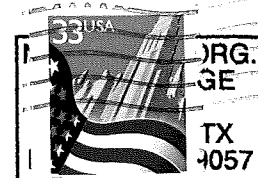
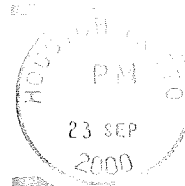
Wayne Pearson (incumbent)

New Caney, Tx

Voting for this office is by Chartered, dues paid FCF members only.
Year 2001 there will be only one person elected for this office.

Nominations will be received from the membership during the next few months, researched for qualifications, and forwarded to local pastors, sectional presbyters, and the district executive presbytery for approvals. All chartered leaders in the district have the privilege to nominate and vote for the candidates.
Nominees must have previously served on District or Section staffs.
Our desire is that the person that God has called and empowered to serve be the one we elect. These are simply assignments by God for a season. **We seek only God's perfect will concerning these matters.** Join us in praying to that end.

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